## <u>Claims</u>

1. A support structure for stonelike objects on soil, comprising:

a base;

at least two sets of a plurality of tabs disposed on the base at respective opposing edges thereof and oriented substantially perpendicular thereto; and

a plurality of struts disposed on the base between and attached to respective tabs of said two sets of a plurality of tabs so as to brace the tabs and receive stonelike objects for support thereof.

- 2. The support structure of claim 1, wherein said base comprises a substantially planar frame and intersecting crossmembers connecting the edges of the frame.
- 3. The support structure of claim 2, wherein the base is substantially rectangular and has openings for water drainage, tabs within said sets of a plurality of tabs are separated by substantially V-shaped spaces, and the struts are disposed substantially parallel to one another and are relatively tall in comparison with their width.
- 4. The support structure of claim 3, wherein at least one of the struts spans the space between the two said sets of a plurality of tabs.
- 5. The support structure of claim 3, further comprising connectors for attaching adjoining units to each other, the connectors being adapted to allow a plurality of adjacent units to be connected and a multiunit structure so assembled to be rolled up.
- 6. The support structure of claim 1, wherein the base is substantially rectangular.

- 7. The support structure of claim 1, wherein the base has openings for water drainage.
- 8. The support structure of claim 1, wherein the tabs within said sets of a plurality of tabs are separated by substantially V-shaped spaces.
- 9. The support structure of claim 1, wherein struts are disposed substantially parallel to one another.
- 10. The support structure of claim 1, wherein the struts are relatively tall in comparison with their width.
- 11. The support structure of claim 1, wherein at least one of the struts spans the space between the two said sets of a plurality of tabs.
- 12. The support structure of claim 1, further comprising connectors for attaching adjoining units to each other.
- 13. The support structure of claim 12 wherein the connectors are adapted to allow a plurality of adjacent units to be connected and a multiunit structure so assembled to be rolled up.
- 14. The support structure of claim 12 wherein the connectors comprise snaps.
- 15. A method for supporting stonelike objects on soil, comprising;
  - providing a support structure comprising a base whereon are disposed at least two sets of a plurality of tabs at respective opposing edges thereof, the tabs being oriented substantially perpendicular to the base;

placing the support structure on a support surface; and placing a stonelike object on the support structure between the two sets of tabs.

- 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the stonelike object is a headstone.
- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the base is placed in a portion of the ground beneath the surface of the surrounding ground.
- 18. The method of claim 15, wherein the stonelike object is a component of a retaining wall.
- 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the base is placed on the ground.
- 20. The method of claim 18, wherein the based is placed on another component of the retaining wall.